21st March 1955] [Mr. Speaker]

" Under sub-rule (4) of rule 178 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I nominate Sri P. T. Rajan to be the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) HOUSE COMMITTEE.

" I have to announce to the House that the following eleven Members were duly nominated for the election of eleven Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly to the House Committee :—

1 Sri S. S. Kolkebail.
2 ,, G. Govindan.
3 ,, T. V. Sannasi.
4 ,, K. Aranganathan.
5 ,, A. Sambasivam.
6 ,, T. R. Varadan.
7 ,, P. G. Karuthiruman.
8 ,, K. V. Ramaswami.
9 ,, A. Doraiswami Gounder.
10 ,, Mookkiah Thevar.
11 ,, N. C. Ramaswami Kandar.

" As the number of candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., *eleven,* I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

" In addition to the above, under rule 214 (1) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I nominate the following *four* Members to be Members of the said Committee :—

1 Sri E. L. Raghava Mudaliar.
2 ,, P. M. Munuswamy Gounder.
3 ,, S. Vadivelu.
4 ,, N. Rathina Gounder.

" The Deputy Speaker is under rule 214 *ex-officio* a member and Chairman of the Committee.

V.—LETTER FROM SRI R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR, SECRETARY, STATE LEGISLATURE *RE* LAYING DOWN OF HIS OFFICE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received a letter from the Secretary to the State Legislature. I wish to read it to the House—

' You know that my contract of service in this Legislature will terminate on the 24th April 1955 and that in the meantime the Government have on my application been pleased to grant me leave for one month with effect from the 24th March 1955. I shall therefore be laying down my present office on the afternoon of the 23rd instant.

' It was on the 6th January, 1924, i.e., more than 31 years ago, that I was first appointed as Secretary to the then Madras Legislative Council under what was briefly known as the Montford Reforms. I was then a member of the Madras Judicial Service working in the Law Secretariat of Government. When some years afterwards, the Government gave me the option of either going out as a District and Sessions Judge or remaining in this Secretariat, I chose the latter course. I retired on the 16th August 1941 as Secretary to the State Legislature constituted under the Government of India Act, 1935. The Legislature had then been suspended owing to the war.